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# DDSP RECEIVES 1ST ANNUAL DLA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

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On December 13, 2000, DDC Commander, Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, USA, presented the DLA Environmental Award for outstanding accomplishments in recycling to the DDSP Commander, Captain Chris R. McKelvey, SC, USN, and the DDSP Environmental Team for their innovative solutions and efforts in recycling.

CAPT McKelvey recognized the DDSP Environmental and Recycling Programs for the efforts put forth by all personnel working together. He first recognized the core team members from the Recycling Staff, Environmental Office and Facility Maintenance, Roads and Grounds. He also recognized the whole workforce for contributing to the Recycling mission.

The first annual DLA Environmental Award winner was selected from among the seven individual, team and installation nominations DLA entered in the FY 99 Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Awards Competition.

Through their efforts in recycling, DDSP diverted \$303,766.00 (in FY 1999) from the disposal stream. DDSP also helped to develop environmentally friendly packaging materials and containers, purchased recycled content items and partnered with other federal agencies along with Fairview Township in joint recycling programs.

DDSP manages an aggressive Qualified Recycling Program. Since established in 1987 with the collection and bundling of cardboard, the program has grown to include 21 different items or commodities being recycled on a daily basis at DDSP as well as other military agencies and residences located on the Installation. The Recycling Program consists of three primary areas: Core Recycling Sales, Pallet Sortation Yard and the Direct/Miscellaneous Sale area.

## ***Outstanding examples of DDSP recycling initiatives.***

- Personnel requested a Delivery/Requirements Contract to provide 40 different sized 100% recycle content fiberboard shipping boxes with 35% Post Consumer material. These boxes provide support to the mission while taking a large step in the direction of implementing Affirmative Procurement. DDSP has replaced the previous hazardous packing methods of "Foam-in-Place" with newer, environmentally friendlier methods such as Sus Wrap, which is used for shipping glass items and Enviromold, which is used for shipping delicate materials. The Sus Wrap is made with a recycled fiberboard content and is recyclable when it has performed its func-

tion. The Enviromold is made with cornstarch and will disintegrate when its function has been performed. DDSP also utilizes a 100% recycled content Bogus Paper in place of 5% recycled content Kraft paper to pack other non-hazardous material for shipping.

- DDSP manages a designated reinvention lab under the authority of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government. The objective of the Targeting 100% Recycled-Content Materials in Packaging and Handling Specification lab is to significantly reduce packaging and handling procurement expenses, save trees, eliminate landfill costs to the Installation and its customers, decrease future landfill requirements, and provide a concrete example of commitment to pollution prevention in accordance with Defense Logistics Agency packaging policies.

- DDSP has a partnership with the U.S. Postal Service and other federal agencies for the collection of wooden pallets. This program is an environmental landmark initiative created by diverting these wooden pallets to a recycling program rather than taking them to a landfill or incinerator for disposal. During FY 99, 56,853 pallets were marketed and approximately 15,000 scrap pallets were sent to a local mulcher. Also, DDSP and Fairview Township, the township in which the Installation is located, are participants in an on-going partnership in composting. Both the Installation and township contribute collected yard waste at a designated composting area on site. The Installation cultivates the compost mixture, then both use the mulch/compost.

- DDSP Environmental personnel applied for and received \$2,000 in grant money to purchase native plant material for a small streamside restoration project within the DoD Streamside Forests: Lifelines to Clean Water program. DDSP collaborated with Boy Scout Troop 59 for a "hands on" learning experience on protecting water resources by helping to restore a streamside ecosystem in their own community. One of the scouts was able to use this project for his Eagle Scout project.

- DDSP Representatives have been featured speakers at several nationally recognized conferences and seminars, such as: The National Recycling Coalition Exposition, Joint Services Conferences, DoD Reinvention Conferences and the Reinvention Revolution Conference. Additionally, during Earth Day week or America Recycles Day, the Recycling Staff members visit various Senior Citizen Centers and local Elementary and Middle School to promote recycling awareness.